

# DICK-TO-DICK NOTE

## NOT IN THE RECORDS

### Vain Search for Letter on Which Are Based the Charges Regarding Controller Bay.

### PRESIDENT RECALLS NO REFERENCE BY C. P. TAFT

### Latter Has Not Sought to Exert Influence in Any Way.

### INVESTIGATION IS BEGUN

### Commissioner Dennett Says That Original Order Opening Land Was Changed Before Promulgation.



FRED S. DENNETT.

Secretary Fisher today told President Taft that a careful search of Interior Department records failed to show the "Dick to Dick" letter in which it was alleged that C. P. Taft used his influence in behalf of navigation interests in Alaska to secure control of Controller Bay. Secretary Fisher also told the President that he saw the article written by Miss Abbott before it was printed and remembered no such letter.

She showed it to him and asked his views about it. He questioned her at some length as to her authority for various insinuations made by her and suggested that she had better investigate these statements before making them public. When he saw the article, he said, he was prepared for publication, there was nothing in it about the "Dick to Dick" letter, nor even a suggestion of such a feature. Neither did the writer refer to any such letter in conversation with him.

### The President's Recollection.

President Taft has made no direct or indirect statement about what has come to be known as the Controller Bay, Alaska, case. His only concern about the matter has been as to the attempt to connect his brother, C. P. Taft, now in Europe, with the matter.

The Interior Department's alleged discovery was made that R. S. Ryan, representing the Controller Bay company, wrote to Secretary Hallinger that he had sent for C. P. Taft and told him to tell the President that the company had undertaken the correspondence with C. P. Taft, and nowhere finds the slightest reference to the Controller Bay matter. He does not remember, it is said, that his brother ever spoke of the subject to him, and is confident that there was no reference to it, either orally or in correspondence.

The President has always referred with some pride to the claim that C. P. Taft has consistently kept out of White House business, appointments and otherwise. He has been asked if he had any recollection of the alleged correspondence with C. P. Taft, and he has answered that he has no recollection of it.

### No Secrecy Observed.

At the White House it was said that there has been no secrecy or anything unusual in the order opening the Controller Bay to entry. The matter was passed upon by the cabinet in regular form, it was stated.

It is explained that R. S. Ryan, representative of the Controller Bay Navigation Company, secured a franchise of eighty rods on Controller Bay. The government retained the other eighty rods of the water front on the bay, making the department officials declare a monopoly impossible.

### Commissioner Dennett Says Original Order Was Changed

Commissioner Fred S. Dennett of the general land office and Miss M. F. Abbott, a writer, both subpoenaed as witnesses, were present today when the House committee on expenditures in the Interior Department began an inquiry into charges of an alleged "grab" of valuable water-front lands on Controller Bay, Alaska, by the Guggenheim interests.

Published charges have been made that Richard S. Ryan of New York, claimed to be a secret agent of the Guggenheim syndicate, wrote a letter to former Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, declaring that he, Ryan, had asked Congress to Taft to speak to his brother, President Taft, about the Controller Bay claims, and that he, Ryan, had asked the President to make no further objection to the land being thrown open to the Guggenheim mine properties.

Commissioner Dennett was summoned to tell what he knew of an order by the President throwing the land open to entry. Miss Abbott claimed to have made

# BACK TO DESK WORK

### President Taft in His Office Early This Morning.

### TRIP ABOARD MAYFLOWER

### Cruise With Senatorial Party Extended to Cape Hatteras.

### VISITORS AT THE WHITE HOUSE

### President Invited to Louisiana Fair.

### Government Aid Solicited for Storm Sufferers.

### Ignorant of the Letter.

Commissioner Dennett testified that he knew nothing and would not necessarily, anyway, of the letter already referred to from Ryan to Ballinger, signed "Dick" and addressed to "Dick," relating to Charles P. Taft's alleged appeal to the President in the Controller Bay matter. He explained that the commissioner's office is distinct from the Secretary's office.

Chairman Graham of the committee asked Mr. Dennett to furnish copies of all telegrams and correspondence regarding the Controller Bay claims and the report dealing with the survey made there. Mr. Graham asked whether legally surveys could enter and begin work on land before the day of the actual public proclamation of an executive order opening land to public entry.

Mr. Dennett said it was a legal question, which he could not answer definitely.

### Original Order Changed.

The most important development of the investigation was the testimony of Commissioner Dennett that the claimants represented by Richard S. Ryan of New York, the alleged representative of the Guggenheim interests, had benefited from the omission of one provision in the final official papers.

Mr. Dennett said that when the executive order of October 10, 1910, opening the Controller Bay land to entry reached his office it contained a provision under which entrymen could not file on the land for sixty days after the order was issued. In some way or other, he did not know how, he said, this provision was lost or eliminated before the final promulgation of the order. This omission, he admitted, gave great advantage to the Ryan claimants, who were on the ground when the order reached Juneau.

In regard to the omission of the provision prohibiting entrymen from filing on the land until sixty days after the order, Mr. Dennett testified that the first draft, which, in accordance with the usual custom, was prepared at the Department of Agriculture, contained the provision, but that it was not in the order as finally signed by the President.

"Where the order was changed," asked Mr. Pennell, "did it not contain a sixty-day clause providing for notice to persons having designs on the land?"

"Yes."

### Doesn't Know Who Made Change.

"Who struck it out?"

"I do not know."

"Did the elimination of that clause make a material difference as far as the chances of the public locating on the land in question were concerned? Wouldn't the effect be to give advantage to those who knew of the order and were on the ground?"

Mr. Dennett replied that it would.

### No Letters in C. P. Taft's Files Regarding Controller Bay Case

CINCINNATI, July 10.—At the request of President Taft, the letter of his brother, Charles P. Taft, were searched here today for trace of possible correspondence with the President, Richard S. Ryan or other persons regarding Controller Bay affairs on Alaskan lands.

The letter referring upon the subject was found, and, so as the files in Mr. Taft's office show, he had no acquaintance with Mr. Ryan or any interest in European investment. Mr. Taft is in Europe.

# CASTRO NOW ENGAGED

## IN RAISING AN ARMY

### At Head of 1,000 Men—Gen. Davila Lands on Buen Ayre Island.

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, July 10.—A passenger dispatch from Buen Ayre Island announces that Gen. Jose Antonio Davila landed on the island secretly Saturday night, having come from Venezuela. Davila is one of the sixty-three men who, led by Gen. Cipriano Castro, Venezuela, from Colombia territory. He and Castro are close friends.

Later advices prove untrue Saturday's report that the president of the state of Zulia, Venezuela, had been killed by a bomb explosion.

### To Start Revolt.

According to the best information obtainable, Castro, the deposed president of Venezuela, is now on the western frontier of Venezuela at the head of a thousand or more men engaged in enlisting an army with which he proposes to repeat his exploit of two years ago when he overthrew the government of Venezuela and placed himself in the presidency.

Gen. Ayre, or Bon Ayre, is a Dutch West Indian island about sixty-five miles north of the north coast of Venezuela and thirty miles east of Curacao.

### Drown Seeking Relief From Heat.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., July 10.—In seeking relief from the intense heat yesterday three persons were drowned in Poughkeepsie and vicinity. Erich Nickse and Earl Axman, aged nineteen and fifteen, respectively, were drowned in the Hudson and George Newman, aged fifteen, in Wappingers creek at Manchester.

### Church Convention Elects Officers.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 10.—The international convention of churches of Christian denomination last night elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Peter A. Ainslie, Baltimore; vice president, A. C. Smithers, Los Angeles; secretary, F. W. Burns, Springfield, Ill.; treasurer, E. M. Bowman, Chicago.

# WEARY OF PROMISE.

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# COOL WAVE COMING

### But It Is Not Due Here Until Tomorrow Night.

### STORM MAY GIVE RELIEF

### Mercury Drops in the West, With Frost in Some Places.

### THE HUMIDITY TODAY WAS 72

### Winds From South and Southwest, It Is Predicted, Will Make Life Bearable.

### Weather Bureau Records.

	Bureau	Kiosk
8 a.m.	83	88
9 a.m.	85	88
10 a.m.	87	88
11 a.m.	89	88
Noon	91	94
1 p.m.	94	100
2 p.m.	95	102

A promise of cooler weather tomorrow night or Wednesday was made at the weather bureau this afternoon. The forecaster said that the cool wave was coming from the west, where temperatures already have tumbled so great that in a number of places, including towns in Wyoming, there was frost this morning.

But while promising relief from the heat tomorrow night, the forecaster held out little hope for better things this evening or tomorrow during the day. He predicted that the thermometer would go as high as 95, or a little more, at the weather bureau this afternoon, and that it would reach the nineties tomorrow.

There is a remote possibility, he said, that a thunderstorm may arrive here this afternoon and cool things off for a while.

It is generally hot all through the middle Atlantic states today and in the Ohio valley. Considerable rain has fallen in the middle west, and has improved the situation there greatly.

### Cooling Winds Expected.

Winds from the south and southwest are to be expected here today and tomorrow, making life more bearable. The humidity this morning was 72, as compared to 86 yesterday morning.

Although at 5 o'clock this morning the mercury stood as low as 74 at the weather bureau, it began warming up early today. At 10 o'clock the thermometer registered 80 degrees, and at 8 o'clock it had gone up to 82.

The city did not cool off downtown last night to the same extent it did in the vicinity of the weather bureau. At 5 o'clock this morning the mercury stood at 78, and at 7 o'clock, however, it was no warmer downtown than at the weather bureau. This condition did not, however, prevent a 1 o'clock mercury had raced up to 100.

### Cheering Forecast Made.

Comparatively cool weather is to prevail throughout the country during the present week, according to the general weekly forecast issued by the weather bureau. Warm weather will mark the opening days of the week in the middle Atlantic and New England states, but is expected to be before local thunder showers.

In the southern states, the week will be marked by season temperatures, with frequent thunder showers. A change to lower temperatures, attended by showers, however, is predicted for the middle Atlantic and Ohio valleys, and the region of the Great Lakes Monday or Tuesday night, and will be followed by generally fair weather and moderate temperatures in those districts until the latter part of the week, when showers are again probable.

Over the plains states, the Rocky mountain and plateau regions and the Pacific states, there will be generally fair, with moderate temperatures, probably followed by a period of unsettled weather and showers after Wednesday, except in the western portion of the plateau region and in California, where the weather will be generally fair throughout the week.

Several cases of heat prostrations were received at police headquarters from the city of Denver, where the heat was said to be very bad.

Mr. Satterlee entered a plea through his attorney, but Mr. Gould was not represented. The district attorney said the cases could go to trial before the end of the year.

Separate trials were asked in the cases of Henry A. Hammond and Frank M. Potter, indicted as members of the Fine Magnet Wire Association.

### WOMAN OCCUPANT HAS REMARKABLE ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

DENVER, Col., July 10.—Mrs. J. B. Baldwin, wife of Col. Baldwin of the Denver mint, had a remarkable escape from death yesterday when the automobile in which she was riding plunged over a precipice 100 feet high, rolled 300 feet further down the mountain and landed, a mass of wreckage, in a creek in the canyon.

Mr. Baldwin, who was driving, was thrown from the car, but was not hurt. Mrs. Baldwin remained in the car till it dropped the first hundred feet. She was picked up unconscious and brought on a special train to this city, where it was found her only injuries were cuts and bruises.

### AUTO DROPS 100 FEET.

DENVER, Col., July 10.—Strange as it may seem, the coolest places in the city during New York's recent hot scourge—the largest restaurants—were the least popular. The managers estimate that more than \$125,000, which ordinarily would have been taken in at Broadway restaurants during the five or six days, was diverted into other channels.

On one house, which can accommodate 800 to 1,000 persons at tables, there were fifteen guests at dinner last Tuesday evening, yet the management had to pay the bill. Firemen and other employees. The next evening nine tables were occupied.

The automobile has played a stronger part this year than ever before in the depletion of the summer restaurants' revenue. Through the reduction in the price and rental rates of good cars, hundreds of persons have been enabled to spend the holidays, Sundays and week ends on tours to seashore or country.

### HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE.

CHICAGO, July 10.—Fire yesterday destroyed the stables of the Arthur W. Dixon Transfer Company, burned 283 horses to death and caused \$500,000 damage. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Three hundred and fifty draft horses valued at \$250 apiece were quartered in the four-story building when the fire broke out. Firemen rescued nearly one hundred of them before the roof and walls crashed to the basement.

Dozens of firemen narrowly escaped death when the roof caved in. The stables were within five blocks of the downtown business quarter.

Fire yesterday afternoon destroyed the furniture warehouse of W. C. Reebie & Bros., causing \$100,000 damage. Hot weather made the work of the firemen doubly onerous.

### Falls to Death From Hotel Window.

BOSTON, Mass., July 10.—Monteville M. Garlow of Morgantown, W. Va., a private in the 151st Company, Coast Artillery Corps at Fort Andrews, was instantly killed yesterday by falling from the fifth-story of a hotel.

### Man Killed and Four Other Persons Fatally Hurt.

ANNISTON, Ala., July 10.—J. D. Dill, a baker, was killed; Mrs. Mary Dill and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dill and Charles Dill, jr., probably were fatally injured here last night when an automobile, in which they were riding turned over. The accident occurred when an attempt was made to avoid a collision with another automobile.

### Dying From Mosquito Bites.

NEWARK, N. J., July 10.—After having spent three days and nights in a swamp near Caldwell, N. J., Aaron Kennedy is dying from mosquito bite poisoning. He was out for huckleberries and wrenched his ankle so he could not walk. When found, after three days, swarms of mosquitoes had bitten him until his features were swollen beyond recognition. He had fought the pests by building a fire, and his rescuers found him lying unconscious near the ashes.

### Big Demand for Bathing Suits.

BOSTON, July 10.—The record for bathers at Revere Beach, Boston's great popular shore resort, was broken during the past twenty-four hours. The state bathhouse rented \$120 suits.

# ATWOOD, IN AERO, HEARING CAPITAL

### Accompanied by Hamilton, Aviator Is Expected Here Late This Afternoon.

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